

December 19, 2021 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

*Light One Candle”* (N. Sleeth)

***Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love,  
He brings love to every heart, He comes! He comes!  
He brings love to every heart, He comes! He comes!*** (repeat)

Lighting of the Advent Candle by the Tech Team

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: Peace on Earth and goodwill to all whom God favors.

People: Praise the Lord for his gifts of Love and Grace. Amen

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn #145 ~ “What Child is This”*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. You bring joy and grace into our lives. We love you, yet at times that has not been reflected in our actions. Forgive us, Jesus, for the times we have sinned against you. In your mercy bring us back to you. May we always remember your love and call for our lives. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #88 ~ *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* (refrain)

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #123 ~ *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”* (v. 1)

***It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all gracious King”:  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.***

## Offering Prayer

### Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Micah 5:2-5a

Special Music ~ “Noel: Christmas Eve 1913” (Bridges & Holdridge) ~ Jeff Velis

Christian Scripture ~ Luke 1:39-45

Message ~ “Prophetic Promises: Safety and Peace”

\*Hymn #115 ~ “Away in a Manger”

### Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

***Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.***

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

“All Belong Here” ~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many

***Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.***

***Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.***

***At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding’s ok.***

***At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.***

***Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.***

***Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.***

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn #136 ~ *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #113 ~ *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* (refrain)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Postlude

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The St. Paul's Christmas Eve service will be at 4:00PM.

There will be **NO** in person or live streamed worship service for St. Paul's on December 26 - all are invited to worship with Grace Bible Chapel **IN GENESIS HALL** at 11:30AM.

St. Paul's will be closed December 27 and 28 and January 3, 2022.

**The Christmas Joy Offering ~ December 19, 2021**

God saw the great needs of the world and offered the perfect gift, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we receive the perfect gift of God being with us, and of being with those in need-the gift of being together when we are near, and being together when we are apart. When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church-past, present and future. Half of the offering goes to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions to help current and past church workers and their families in their time of critical financial need. The other half supports education and leadership development at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

**ALL offerings and special donations** to be credited for 2021 must be received no later than December 29. There is a secure mailbox at the church where donations can be dropped off.

**REMINDER:** **ALL** donations to the Board of Deacons, such as the upcoming Christmas Eve offering, and/or to the Foundation must be made by separate check made out directly to the Deacons or to the Foundation.

**Their accounts are SEPARATE from the St. Paul's accounts.**

The office will be closed on December 27, 28 and January 3.

**THANK YOU** to Joseph Legato, owner of Bill & Rod's Appliance at 15870 Middlebelt for the generous donation of a stove that was installed in the Cavell House!

Please consider patronizing Bill and Rod's for your appliance needs.

**Stewardship Campaign Update:** 68% of the goal of \$225,000.00 has been met with 43 pledging units committed for a total of \$154,058.00. Thank you to all who have completed commitment cards for 2022. If you have not yet made your commitment, please do so as soon as possible so that the 2022 budget may be set.

**A continuing reminder from your Board of Deacons...** "Do you have someone or something to celebrate? You can share your joy with your St. Paul's family, help feed the hungry, and honor the person or object of your celebration with a tribute gift to the Board of Deacons Hunger Ministries. Tribute gifts may also be in memory of someone or something, or your donation can simply be a gift to the Hunger Ministries. An acknowledgement will be placed in the bulletin and eBranch. No set amount is required, and acknowledgements will go in the bulletin as soon as possible after checks are received. Donations may not be made far in advance for future dates.

To donate, please: **Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons** and in the Memo line, write: Hunger Ministries and enclose a note with: Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication. (Dedication examples: In honor of the first responders. In honor of our grandchildren. In memory of my parents).

Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance, or bring it to the church for Sunday worship or during office hours. The Board of Deacons appreciates the congregation's generous spirit. Let's feed each other spiritually, and the hungry, literally. May the peace of Christ be with us all."



Meta Tulley, Ron Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton  
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Nancy Saunders  
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant  
Bruce Phillips, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Micah Schemanske ~ friend of Charlotte & Jim Day; Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock  
Finley Farquhar ~ granddaughter of Eric; Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel  
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
Mark Feely ~ friend of Judy McGregor; Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham  
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck; Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian  
Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of the late Gail Artinian; MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne  
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne; Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin  
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips  
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of the late Tamar and Jim Duthie  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

**Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.**

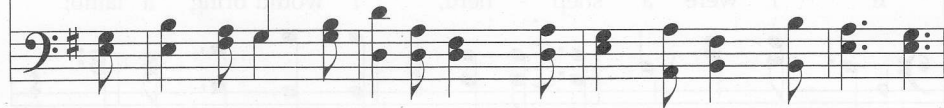
## What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

## 115

## Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D)  
F B $\flat$  F

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7) (D)  
C7 F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G) (D)  
B $\flat$  F


The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7) (D) (Em) (A7) (D)  
C7 F Gm C7 F

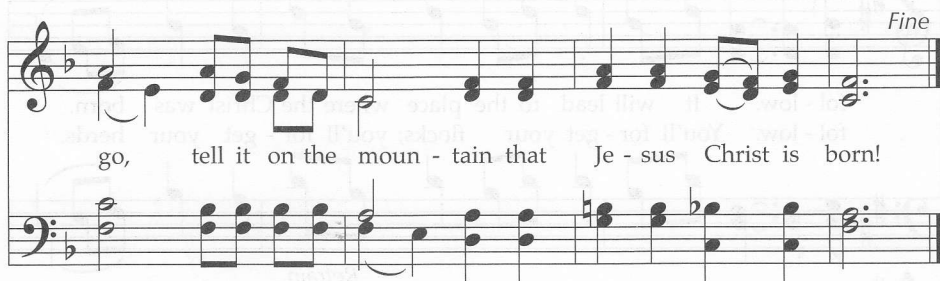
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Though erroneously attributed to Martin Luther, this anonymous carol has North American roots, probably originating among Pennsylvania Lutherans. Although more than forty melodies have been connected with these words, this tune was among the earliest written for them.

## 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

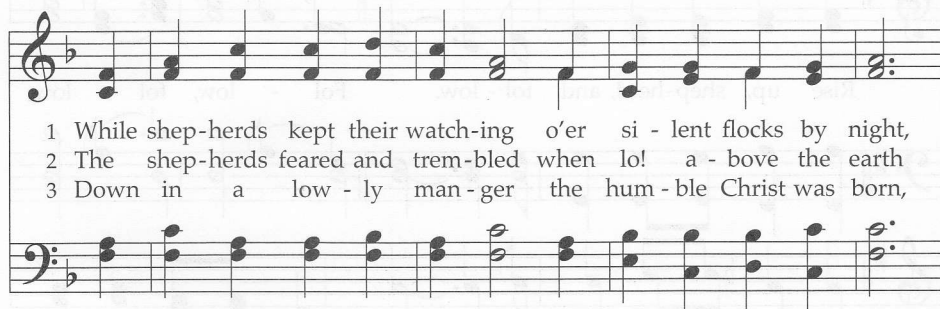
Refrain 


Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

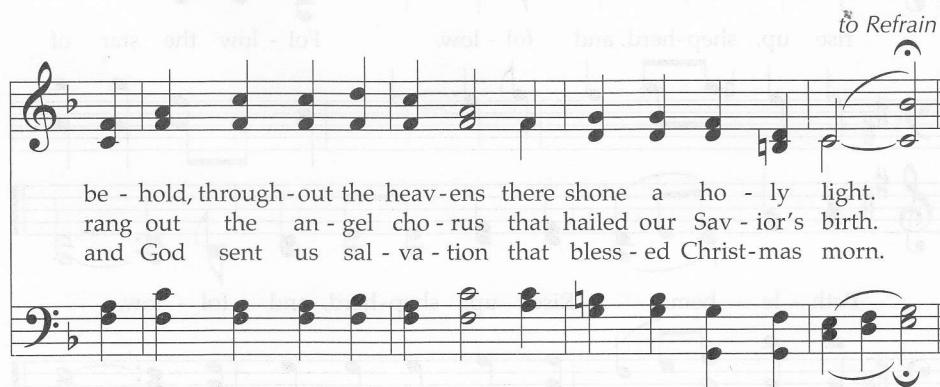


go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

*Fine*



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.